

Day 4

30 Dec 2022



Kentucky Wing Winter Encampment



Staff Spotlight

Cadets Gregory, Goodrich, and Vessels are serving as flight commanders for Alpha, Bravo, and Charlie flights respectively for this year's winter encampment.

Flight commanders oversee the cadets in their flight and are responsible for their training and safety.

Cadets serving as flight commanders have completed at least one prior encampment and often multiple encampments. This role lets cadets put the leadership training into practice at a large-scale event.



Building Structures, Growing Teams

First, each flight was asked to build a tower using only construction paper and masking tape. Bravo flight had the tallest tower at 6'3", citing their excellent communication and peer leadership for their success.

Next, small teams of 4-6 cadets were given ½ of a pound of pasta, a pile of mini marshmallows, and an hour to create the tallest free standing structure possible. Cadets Crawford, Hoppe, Feund, and Bender from Charlie flight created a pyramid tower that stood 54" tall, which was 14 inches taller than the next structure.

This team leadership project combines small group dynamics, time management, and some STEM knowledge into a fun competition.

These types of projects are commonly found in freshman level college engineering courses and teach fundamental design and team work skills said Maj Jessica Bowden of the Michigan Wing, an aerospace engineer who works on next generation military engine projects in her day job.



Mail Call

Tomorrow (31 Dec) is the last day for mail call.

Family and friends can send encampment and NCOLC cadets mail during the week by sending an email to encampment_mail@kywg.cap.gov

Please put your cadets name in the subject line along with mail call. Example: "Joe Smith Mail Call"

Please have all final emails in by 5pm CST on 12/31/2022.

The PAO team will print your email and deliver it at the evening mail call. Due to the volume of mail please limit your messages to a single page.

Due to the nature of mail call, sensitive & personal topics are not recommended.

This is not intended to be used for emergencies. Contact cfelts@cap.gov for any emergencies



Drill

HUT, TOOP, THREEP, FOURP; HUT, TOOP, THREEP, FOURP, can be heard across the parking lot as the cadet staff counts cadence to keep the flight in step. When cadets get out of step, the staff either corrects them individually, counts cadence, or halts the flight. For many cadets this is the very first time marching as part of a flight with multiple elements and a guidon bearer.



The guide sets the direction and cadence of the march. Seen above each flight has their own guidon, a flag with the flights name on it. The flight takes pride in its guidon and has a chant they say when it is posted.

Cadets also spent time studying their CAP encampment handbooks. The handbook includes short readings, illustrations, and other content in all four areas of the cadet program – leadership, aerospace, fitness, and character. Also included are basic safety rules and a chain of command diagram.



Parents can download a copy of the handbook CAPP 60-71 online using the link below gocivilairpatrol.com

As the encampment starts to wrap up don't be surprised if your cadet keeps marching around the house or calls your sir/ma'am.



Food Unit

Serving three tasty and nutritious meals a day to 90 hungry students and staff may sound like a difficult job, but Capt Brenda Felts and Capt Tammy Vessels make it look easy.

From loaded baked potatoes, to a taco bar and fresh salad at every lunch and dinner cadets and seniors enjoyed some of the best encampment food around.

No one was left hungry and every meal was prepared fresh daily. This not only provided the highest quality fresh food, but helped keep cost down.

Capt Vessels is from the local Owensboro squadron and Capt Felts is CMSgt Felt's mother, making this encampment truly a family affair.



Day 4 Schedule
Friday
30 Jan 2022

Cadets attend the following classes & events

- ATC Tour
- Airport Fire Department Tour
- Character Session - Heroism
- Hands on Team Leadership Project
- Intro to Cyber
- Hands on Aerospace - Robotics
- Formation & Drill

**Encampment
Graduation
January 1st 2023
1pm CST (2pm EST)**

KYWG Encampment
Public Affairs Team

Lt Col Robert Bowden
National Photographer

Lt Col Paul Hertel
*GLR Director of Public
Affairs (remote)*

Maj Jessica Bowden



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